



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION**

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**ITTF Chief Executive Officer**

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**To all the National Associations**

Dear Friends,

Since 1st September 2008 a rule for **eligibility at the World Title events** is in force. The rule applies only to World Title events, specifically the World Table Tennis Championships, the World Junior Table Tennis Championships, the World Cups (Men's, Women's and Team), the ITTF-Continental Cups and those ITTF-Continental Championships where the respective Continental Federation follows the ITTF World Title eligibility rule.

The wording of the rule is as follows:

*In addition to the provisions of 3.8 (the general rule of eligibility), players who have acquired a new nationality and wish to represent the association corresponding to the new nationality shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.*

*Such players shall not represent the new association before:*

- *3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered;*
- *5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered;*
- *7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered.*

*Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at World Title events.*

Please make note that **effect from 1st January 2016** (according to the ITTF Board of Directors decision on 30th April 2015), the **provision related to players under the age of 15 will change** as follows:

*Such players shall not represent the new association before:*

- *1 year after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered and has never represented another association;*
- *3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered and already represented another association;*



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Starting from 1st September 2008 all the players under 21 years of age wishing to represent a new association should register using the following system:

1. An official letter on the letterhead of the Federation and signed by the President of the Association (or Secretary General or Executive Director) requesting the registration of the player must be sent in an e-mail attachment to **Zoltan Bencsik - Results & Ranking Manager (zbencsik@ittfmail.com)** and **Etsuko Enami – Project Manager (ee@ittfmail.com)**.
2. Registration form duly filled and the relevant page of the scanned passport must be sent together with the scanned official letter in an e-mail attachment to **Zoltan Bencsik - Results & Ranking Manager (zbencsik@ittfmail.com)** and **Etsuko Enami – Project Manager (ee@ittfmail.com)**.
3. The registration application must contain the following information about the player (as listed on the Registration Form):
  - 2.1. Player's name
  - 2.2. Former name (if any)
  - 2.3. Gender
  - 2.4. Full address (of the player)
  - 2.5. Birth-date
  - 2.6. Birthplace (City)
  - 2.7. Birth country
  - 2.8. Residence in the new country since:
  - 2.9. Current nationality
  - 2.10. Previous nationality
  - 2.11. Date of change of nationality
  - 2.12. Date of validation of change of nationality
  - 2.13. Date of and location of last representation at world title event (which one and when)
  - 2.14. Date of last representation of another association other than at world title event
  - 2.15. Event name of last representation of another association other than at world title event



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4. Photocopy of the current or the new passport.

Registration with the ITTF can be made without having yet the new passport and the registration period will count from the moment you present the requested information. The new passport should be provided as soon as the players get it and, in any case, before the end of the waiting period. If at the end of the waiting period the players do not have yet the new passport they cannot represent the new association at World events till they obtain it.

A list of all registered players is available on the ITTF website on this link:  
[www.ittf.com/stories/pictures/ITTF\\_Eligibility.pdf](http://www.ittf.com/stories/pictures/ITTF_Eligibility.pdf)

A player who has obtained nationality before 1st September 2008 and that was otherwise eligible to represent a new association by the rule in effect immediately before 1st September 2008, would maintain the eligibility and would not be subject to the new rule. All the players in the above situation should also be registered with the ITTF.

A list of registered players with previous eligibility is available on the ITTF website on this link:  
[www.ittf.com/stories/pictures/ittf\\_previous\\_eligibility\\_registration.pdf](http://www.ittf.com/stories/pictures/ittf_previous_eligibility_registration.pdf)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Farago', written in a cursive style.

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